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In re the Application of:

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AUTOMATED INVESTMENT ALERTS
FROM MULTIPLE DATA SOURCES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application and is filed prior to the expiration of the one (1) month period for response set therein.

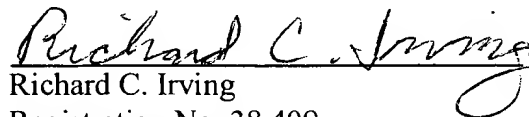
In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group 1, i.e., claims 1-15 and 28, drawn to a computer-implemented method of providing investment information to a user of a first computer. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims prior to the termination of proceedings in this patent application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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